**Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**Northwest Louisiana Human Services District**

**October 22, 2022**

1310 N. Hearne Avenue – Shreveport Behavioral Health Clinic – Shreveport, LA

Called to Order: By Matthew Linn at 9:05am

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Matthew Linn

Roll Call: George Sewell, David Hoey, Don Pledger, Matthew Linn and Kristie Copeland were present. Bridgette Salsberry, Tray Murray, Mary Brocato and Carolyn Carter were excused. Bienville, Natchitoches and Governor Appointee #2 have no board representative at this time. A quorum of 5 out of 9 board members confirmed by Kristie Copeland, Board Secretary. Doug Efferson, Executive Director was present.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by George Sewell to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by David Hoey, and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes for September 19, 2022: Moved by Don Pledger to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by David Hoey, and unanimously approved.

Guest and Public Comments: Susan Mogensen with Brown Dog Consulting was welcomed.

Executive Limitations: Doug Efferson gave a summary of his written report on Financial Conditions & Activities, Communication and Support to the Board, and Treatment of Staff. Of note was the FY24 Operational Plan being presented and the treatment of staff summary showed no staff grievances being filed over the past year. A brief discussion was held regarding the status of 988 and crisis services after which Matthew Linn requested Doug Efferson find out the current volume of services being provided by Merakey and the status of 911 calls being transferred to 988 by the Shreveport Police Department. George Sewell moved to accept the report, seconded by Don Pledger, and unanimously approved without any policy changes.

Board Business: Matthew Linn led a review of the Global Linkage and Unity of Control policies. George Sewell motioned to accept the policies without changes, seconded by Don Pledger, and unanimously approved. The September Board Compliance Monitoring Summary Report was reviewed and accepted. The October Board Compliance Monitoring Tool was completed and given to Doug Efferson for summary. The next meeting date was agreed to be on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Announcements/Acknowledgements: Matthew Linn announced the Board’s Policy Governance 101 training would begin immediately following the Board meeting with expectations that it would be complete by 3pm.

Adjournment: David Hoey moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37am, seconded by Kristie Copeland, and unanimously approved.

Minutes Prepared by Kristie Copeland, Board Secretary